

FREEZE BLIGHTS THE WEST

SNOW AND COLD DESTROY THE PROSPECTS OF FRUIT.

Also Make Navigation on Lake Michigan So Thick That Steamship Iowa Goes Aground—Passengers Rescued by Life Savers and Vessel Released.

CHICAGO, April 23.—The entire central West is in the grip of a cold snap—a spring blizzard it is called. It is estimated that millions of dollars of damage has been done to fruit and other crops. A passenger steamer was driven ashore and others placed in peril. Ice and snow are found where yesterday flowers bloomed, and railway and street car traffic is impeded by snowdrifts.

The storm in many districts has amounted to a calamity. While the most serious feature of the blizzard was the damage done to farm products throughout the central States, a spectacular incident was the stranding of the Goodrich line passenger steamer Iowa on the shore between Racine and Kenosha.

The Iowa, Capt. William Plummer, left Milwaukee at 11:30 o'clock last night, bound for this city. She carried only six or seven passengers. While feeling her way through the thick snow off Racine she ran in close to shore and went aground about four miles south of that city. The passengers were rescued by the Racine life saving crew and late this afternoon the Iowa was released by the tug T. T. Morford, sent from Chicago.

The steamer City of Benton Harbor, bound from Benton Harbor to this city, reached port after a long and stormy voyage in the gale and blinding snow. The steamer Puritan, which left Chicago last night bound across the lake, was driven back to port. The lumber schooner Cora was caught by the storm in miles out in the lake and experienced grave danger in fighting her way back.

Reports indicating that this is the most disastrous storm to fruit and crops that has occurred in recent years were received at the local weather bureau. Dangerous frosts as far south as Kansas and Missouri were reported.

Today's storm in itself was not unusual, according to Prof. Cox, local weather forecaster. In discussing it as the record breaking warmth throughout March this year had advanced spring crops so far that the freeze was as ruinous as though it had come in mid-May of an ordinary year.

In the Canadian Northwest temperatures as low as 18 were reported and snow reached from Duluth to St. Louis. From all the far Northwest country came reports of rain wrought by the storm.

BELMONT, N. J., April 23.—Six degrees below freezing with a hard wind and flying snow took all hope of any kind of fruit crop in southeastern Iowa to-day. The clover crop is also badly killed off.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 23.—University of Illinois experts do not believe the fruit crop is ruined despite the freeze. Dr. T. J. Burrill said to-night that the apple crop was the most abundant he has ever seen and that if one-half the crop is destroyed there will be sufficient left. Regarding strawberries and other small fruits, Dr. Burrill thinks they have not been touched. Prof. J. O. Blair of the department of horticulture left for southern Illinois to investigate the damage.

COLUMBIA, Mo., April 23.—A hard freeze and death to fruit in central Missouri are predicted for to-night by George S. Reeder of the United States Weather Bureau. Mr. Reeder said the fruit did not suffer at all last night, but would surely get caught to-night. Friendly clouds saved the crop last night, but they have withdrawn their protection for to-night.

ST. JOSEPH, Mich., April 23.—With apple, peach, pear, cherry and plum orchards in full bloom the fruit district of Michigan was swept last night by a high northwest gale with snow, followed by freezing temperature at daybreak. From to-night's conservative reports from various interior points it is almost certain the fruit crop will be a total loss. Possibly 30 per cent. of the grapes will produce fruit from second bud.

MILWAUKEE, April 23.—Twelve inches of snow fell last night in upper Wisconsin and reports to-day indicate that the entire fruit crop is ruined.

SNOW CLOUDS THE COMET.

Visitor Has No Effect on the Weather. However, Says Prof. E. B. Frost.

CHICAGO, April 23.—Not even the sun could force its light through the clouds that scattered snow over the city and the lake throughout last night and this morning. It wasn't strange therefore that Halley's comet should be wholly out of view of telescope or unaided eye. No one was even foolish enough to look for it at 6 o'clock this morning.

Nothing but blizzard up here, therefore 10 degrees below freezing," was the reply of Prof. Edwin B. Frost, speaking over the telephone from his residence at the Yerkes Observatory when he was asked for the latest information about the comet.

Prof. Frost's voice showed indignation when it was suggested to him that some people had attributed the black storm of Friday to the influence of the comet. "It will have absolutely no effect on the weather," he said. "Except for a phosphorescence in the sky it will not change conditions in the least. And that phosphorescence cannot last long."

TRAIN RUNS WILD.

Steam Filled Cab and Engineer and Fireman Had to Jump.

BOSTON, April 23.—Something happened to the injector pipes of a locomotive attached to a freight train on the Midland division of the New Haven Railroad at Norwood early to-night. The engine, the cab and forced Engineer and fireman to jump. The engine, the cab and forced Engineer and fireman to jump. The engine, the cab and forced Engineer and fireman to jump.

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CRUCIFIED A TELLTALE.

Miners Torture One of Their Number Suspected of Being a Spy.

WASHINGTON, Pa., April 23.—An attempt was made yesterday at the mining town of Avella, twelve miles north of here, by foreign coal miners to crucify a countryman. George Rabish, the victim, was twice hanged upon a cross, a crown of thorns was thrust on his head and his injuries are such that there is little hope for his recovery. Four men were arrested and the police are searching for the others who were implicated in the outrage.

Rabish, a Slav, incurred the enmity of the miners employed by the Pittsburgh and Washington Coal Company by acting as a spy for the company. He was warned to leave town, but refused. Yesterday morning a crowd of drunken miners dragged him from his boarding house and took him to the edge of the town. It had not been determined what should be done with him until one drunken miner suggested that a crown of thorns be placed on his head. This was no sooner done than another cried out to crucify him.

The men immediately built a rude cross, tied the screaming Rabish to it and placed it in a hole which had been dug. While their victim pleaded for mercy they cursed him. Rabish's torture was ended when Supt. C. E. Neiser of the coal company happened along and dispersed the foreigners. Several were arrested and arraigned before Justice W. W. Weigmann and heavily fined.

The punishment failed to have the desired effect and later in the day Rabish was again taken to his boarding house and again tortured. He was rescued in an exhausted condition.

ELECTION FRAUDS IN MONROE.

Gov. Hughes Asked to Appoint a Special Officer to Investigate and Prosecute.

ROCHESTER, April 23.—A petition signed by about twenty-five citizens of Monroe county has been forwarded to Gov. Hughes detailing numerous frauds perpetrated at the special Congressional election last Tuesday and asking for the appointment of a special prosecuting officer to investigate and prosecute the frauds. George P. Decker, Deputy Attorney-General under William Schuyler Jackson, heads the list of petitioners and it is signed generally by Democratic leaders who were prominent in the campaign that resulted in the election of James S. Haveson over George W. Aldridge.

Gov. Hughes on receipt of the petition fixed the date for a hearing at the Executive Chamber in Albany at noon Monday, when all interested parties will be heard. A committee of Democratic leaders, headed by Mr. Decker, will attend the hearing.

District Attorney Howard Widener has been notified of the hearing and it is probable that he will be present, although he has already said that he is willing to step aside and permit the appointment of a special prosecutor because of the charge made by the Democrats that they would have no confidence in an investigation conducted by a man who owes his election to Aldridge. He has also stated his willingness to prosecute all election frauds called to his notice, if desired.

The complaint filed with the Governor gives the facts collected by the campaign managers concerning bribery, bribery and intimidation at the polls. It is expected that Mr. Decker will be named special prosecutor.

UNDERWOOD AUTO SMOKED.

Policeman Stops Erie President by Blocking Road With His Horse.

While President F. D. Underwood of the Erie Railroad was taking a ride through Central Park yesterday Mounted Policemen Skelly noticed smoke coming from the rear of the machine. The policeman galloped ahead and ordered the chauffeur to stop, telling him he was under arrest. This was opposite Sixty-sixth street on the East Drive. Mr. Underwood was on his way to the Plaza Hotel and the chauffeur seemed inclined to drive there first and submit to arrest afterward.

The policeman rode his horse in front of the machine and declared that the chauffeur would have to drive over him or stop. Peter stopped. His employer jotted down the policeman's number in his note book. The policeman was puzzled. He didn't know whether Mr. Underwood intended to commend him for his performance of duty or to complain of him at Headquarters for making the arrest.

In the Yorkville court the chauffeur was charged with allowing his automobile to smoke in the park and with not having a chauffeur's license. "I left the license in the pocket of another coat," he said to Magistrate Steiner.

"The law says you must have it with you when driving," responded the Court, who fined him \$1 on the smoke complaint and held him in \$100 bail for trial on the other charge.

Mr. Underwood's daughter, Miss Helene Underwood, was put down on the record as the owner of the car.

SET A HOTEL ON FIRE.

Flannigan of Albany Then Went to Bed and Let Things Burn.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 23.—After having started a fire on the fourth floor of the Morton Hotel, in the Circle, early this morning, James Flannigan, alias Sullivan, alias Nolan, of Albany, N. Y., went to his room on the same floor, took off his clothing and went to bed. The flames were discovered by Arthur Gresham, night clerk at the hotel, who, with the assistance of Carl F. Lang and Carl W. Wagner, guests, checked the fire. Flannigan was arrested by Lieut. Leet and Patrolmen Tooley and Freeman and taken to police headquarters, where he was held on the charge of loitering.

Capt. Coffin examined Flannigan at headquarters. Flannigan first denied that he set fire to the building, but later admitted that he did and said it was accidental. The police think that the building was set on fire to permit burglars to ransack the place. There was no direct evidence of this, however, and the police do not believe that the charge of arson will hold good, because Flannigan was asleep and went to bed after starting the fire.

ARREST NEGRO AGITATORS

ESTENOS AND HIS AIDES SURVEILLED BY CURANGOVERNMENT.

Otherwise There Would Have Been Bloodshed, One of Them Declares—Prisoners Incommunicado—Signs That Conservatives Are Behind Disturbances.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.

HAVANA, April 23.—The Government's denial of race troubles were rendered absurd last night when "Gen." Estenos, the black agitator, and many other negroes were arrested for sedition. The Government's dispatch of troops to the provinces is disconcerting the plans of the negro leaders and it frightened Estenos, who visited Mr. Jackson, the American Minister, yesterday and reiterated to him his peaceful intentions.

Estenos declared that the negroes were simply organizing for the purpose of winning at the polls in order to secure proper recognition. It is probable that, fearing arrest or that he might be killed, Estenos ignorantly hoped for the protection of the American Legation.

Last night a number of negroes assembled to confirm their party's nominations for members of the Havana Council. Those attending the meeting, including Estenos, were arrested, and later twelve others were taken into custody at Regla, a town across the bay from Havana. Surin and others who made inflammatory speeches a week ago in Santiago Province were arrested there.

One of the prisoners declared there would have been killing if it had not been for their being surprised. All the arrested men were committed without bail. The court declined to hear their cases to-day, which means that the Government is not inclined to show its hand by formulating charges until its evidence is overwhelming.

The arrests were made on a denouncement made by the Supreme Court Prosecutor, whereupon the Audencia appointed several judges to investigate the matter. The indictment includes several editorials that appeared in the *Provision*, the negro party organ, of which Estenos is editor.

Reports from Pinar del Rio and the other provinces are disquieting. It is the general belief that persons of superior intelligence have been instigating Estenos. The *Discussion* in an editorial yesterday invited the negroes to ally themselves with the Conservatives, who, it declared, would not raise false hopes by false and impossible promises.

The Havana police reserves are being kept in readiness for an emergency. The prisoners are not permitted to see each other or anybody else.

DRINK OF MILK SAVES HER.

Fetched by Policeman to Woman Who Drinks Poison in Elevated Station.

A fairly well dressed woman of 28 years mounted to the downtown platform of the elevated railroad at Sixth avenue and Fourteenth street about 8 o'clock last night. The ticket chopper noticed that she was very nervous. After she had been in the woman's waiting room for half an hour he went in to see if anything was wrong and found her stretched on the floor with an empty bottle beside her. The ticket chopper's excitement caused several women to scream. Their cries had the effect of bringing Policeman Hilderbrand from the street. When he saw what was up he raced downstairs again and came back with milk, which he forced down the unconscious woman's throat.

Dr. Hughes of St. Vincent's Hospital revived her and said that the policeman's quick wit had saved her from death by poison. When she was asked why she had tried to kill herself the woman said that she was tired of living. She was taken to the hospital under arrest. There she said she was Mrs. Blanche E. Porter of 24 West Twenty-fourth street. At that address nobody could be found last night who knew her.

TAFT PLAYS GOLF IN THE RAIN.

His Clothes Were Soaking Wet at the Finish, but He Seemed to Enjoy It.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—President Taft played golf out on the Chevy Chase links in a heavy rainstorm to-day. The downpour was accompanied by lots of lightning, that drove thousands of people in downtown Washington indoors and kept them there.

The President started out for his golf game shortly before 3 o'clock. With him went Senator Bourne, Frank B. Kellogg, the trust buster, and Brig.-Gen. Clarence R. Edwards. Although rain had threatened all day the President said "Go ahead," and the four went. At the Chevy Chase clubhouse Mr. Taft declared that he and Senator Bourne could beat Mr. Kellogg and Gen. Edwards. They did not, but they tied them.

The President keeps his golfing clothes at Chevy Chase, and after the match was over he changed to dry garments before motoring back to town. The President's clothes were soaking wet, but he seemed to enjoy the ducking almost as much as his illustrious predecessor did on certain memorable occasions.

RAILROAD FARES GO UP.

Boston and Maine to Advance Their So as to Pay the Employees More.

BOSTON, April 23.—Although the exact amount of the increases has not been determined, President Tuttle of the Boston and Maine Railroad announced this afternoon that passenger rates on that road would be advanced immediately, probably becoming effective on June 1. The increases will not be large. It is thought that the road will go back to the rates prevalent before the general reduction made in February, 1907. The reductions then made amounted to about 10 per cent.

The increase, according to the president, is directly due to the advance in wages granted to the railroad's employees, and in this respect the situation is similar to that which caused the New Haven Railroad to raise its passenger rates between Boston and New York.

President Tuttle said that the increases would not affect the suburban rate schedules.

DEWEY'S MADNESS ON SHERIFF WINE.

Sherry before Dinner, Madmen after, E. T. Dewey & Sons Co., 125 Fulton St., New York.

BURROWS TO QUIT ALSO?

Meeting in Washington to Discuss Prospects of the Michigan Senator.

DETROIT, Mich., April 23.—A crisis is approaching in the senatorial situation in Michigan so far as Senator Burrows is concerned, according to a Washington dispatch, where the understanding among the Michigan delegation is that a meeting will be held in Washington early next week to decide whether Senator Burrows shall announce his candidacy for reelection or follow in the footsteps of Senators Hale and Aldrich and quit public life.

It is understood that this meeting will be attended by J. W. Blodgett of Grand Rapids and E. D. Stair and Philip H. McMillan of Detroit. As the talk goes this meeting is first to make an ardent attempt to secure help for Senator Burrows. Primarily it will mean an effort to secure the active assistance of Senator William Alden Smith. If the effort to get the aid of Senator Smith should fail, it is the understanding that Senator Burrows will have to be informed in plain terms of the lack of Burrows sentiment in the State and of the desirability of his following the example of Senators Aldrich and Hale. Tuesday is said to be the date of the meeting.

FLAMES THREATEN FLOOD.

Brainerd, Minn., Fire Swept—Weyerhaeuser Dam May Be Destroyed.

LITTLE FALLS, MINN., April 23.—A mounted courier rode into this city about midnight to-night from Brainerd bearing the first reports of a fire which has escaped control and is eating out the giant Weyerhaeuser dam. The dam at Little Falls, thirty miles below Brainerd, is also threatened since it will go out if the Brainerd dam cannot be saved.

Fire destroyed the Brainerd water plant at 9 o'clock and plunged the city into darkness. It incapacitated the water service and destroyed communication with the outside world. From the water plant the fire swept the flames into the big centre pier of the Weyerhaeuser dam.

The big Northwestern Paper Company's pulp plant was catching fire when the dam fell. Brainerd, Minn., and other riders warned the residents of the lowlands along the Mississippi River to flee to the surrounding hills. It is reported that one man has been drowned and another barely escaped death in fighting the flames.

The residents of lower Brainerd are desperately fighting the fire with buckets to save their homes, while women with babies in their arms stand on the banks, panic stricken, shrieking encouragement to their husbands and some in the swirling waters.

STEAMSHIP COMPANIES NEXT.

Government to Prosecute Them for Violations of Anti-Trust Law.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Action is about to be begun by the Department of Justice against the foreign transatlantic steamship companies which are alleged to have violated the Sherman anti-trust law by entering into a pooling agreement under which they conduct their business on this side of the ocean. Attorney-General Wickham announced several weeks ago that such action was in contemplation, but it was made known to-day that the Department is almost ready to prosecute.

Since the first announcement was made the Department and the United States District Attorney's office in New York have been investigating the alleged pool. The North German Lloyd, the Holland-America and the Hamburg-American are said to be among the lines concerned, although the department refused to give names, and it is known there are several more.

The investigation has progressed so far that officials here are confident they have a good case. While news of the institution of proceedings under the Sherman law has caused some speculation as to how that law can apply, the Department feels that its case is good and will hold. Its contention is understood to be that the foreign companies having offices in this country are subject to the laws of the United States. On the other hand the pooling agreement was made in Germany and the companies will contend that the Sherman law does not apply.

WOMAN AUTOIST ARRESTED.

Ran Over Another Woman, but Didn't Hurt Her Much—Boy Badly Injured.

Miss Carrie Van Brunt, driving her own touring car, took her mother and sister, Miss Jessie, for a ride on Staten Island yesterday. As the auto was coming off the ferryboat into Manhattan last night it knocked down Miss May Gillway, 21 years old, a saleswoman, of 80 St. Mary's avenue, Rosebank, Staten Island.

Both wheels of the machine passed over Miss Gillway's legs below the knees, but they left only some severe bruises. Miss Gillway went home, after a physician had treated her injuries.

Miss Gillway refused to make a complaint, but under the new order from headquarters Policeman Roth had to arrest Miss Van Brunt on a charge of reckless driving. She said she was 18 years old, a secretary, living at 181 Gates avenue, Brooklyn. She left \$50 for her appearance in the Tombs police court this morning.

An automobile, driven by Patrick Moriarty, chauffeur for Harrison Williams of 777 Madison avenue, struck Louis Zeller, a ten-year-old schoolboy living at 118 First avenue, as he was riding on his bicycle on Park avenue at Forty-first street yesterday afternoon. The child was thrown to the ground, but was not run over. Moriarty took him to Bellevue Hospital, where it was found that he was suffering from concussion of the brain. It was said last night that his condition was serious.

Moriarty was locked up in the East Thirty-fifth street police station charged with felonious assault, but was bailed later.

FERSH OUT OF THE TOMBS.

U. S. Fidelity and Guaranty Co. Pays Up a \$50,000 Bond.

Donald Persch, who was tried in connection with the theft of Heinze stocks from M. M. Joyce, of Jersey falling to agree after being out eleven hours last Wednesday, was released from the Tombs prison yesterday on \$50,000 bail furnished by the United States Fidelity and Guaranty company, the bond having been approved by the District Attorney.

Argument on the return of a writ of habeas corpus obtained by Persch's lawyer, John F. McIntyre, will be heard by Justice Hand on Tuesday.

LAKE CHARLES, LA., BURNED

3,000 HOMELESS AND A DAMAGE OF \$3,000,000.

Entire Business District Wiped Out and Hundreds of Residences Destroyed—Dynamite Checks the Flames—People in Tents and Food Is Scarce.

LAKE CHARLES, La., April 23.—Fire has practically destroyed this city of 15,000 inhabitants. The property loss at 7 o'clock is estimated by insurance underwriters at \$3,000,000. Three thousand persons are homeless. While temporary camps have been erected beyond the fire area, yet there is much suffering among the homeless. The town is burned bare of food. Special trains carrying provisions are on their way here from nearby cities.

The fire started at 4 o'clock this afternoon in the old French opera house, almost in the centre of the city's business district. A gale fanned the flames into a big blaze, and almost before the work of combating it was under way the fire was hissing through the streets lined with business houses, leaving a path of ruin. In an hour's time thirty squares had been swept clean. The entire business part of the city, made up largely of substantial buildings, was destroyed.

The flames spread on into the residential part of the city. Beautiful homes, many of which were built in the early part of the last century, were burned down in the flash of an eye. Kirby, Irie, Hodges and Common street, the aristocratic residence thoroughfare, were a path of ruin an hour after the flames attacked the first home.

Resistance against the flames was futile. It was not until dynamite had been resorted to that breaches in the fire's path stayed the rush. By this time, however, practically every desirable home in the residential district and every big building in the business section had been destroyed.

Special trains bringing fire apparatus from Jennings, La.; Alexandria, La.; Orange, Tex., were dispatched, but long before their arrival the flames had done the most of their damage.

Among the public buildings destroyed were the new court house and city hall. The Catholic church and convent that have stood under three Governments, were burned. The old St. Claire Hotel fell a victim to the flames. Heirlooms of great worth were destroyed in several Ryan street residences.

While Lake Charles is one of the oldest communities in America, yet it practically is a new city. It is the centre of a great lumber industry, while much of the rice consumed in all parts of the world is milled here.

The temporary camps on the outskirts of the fire area are sheltering thousands of homeless persons to-night. Hundreds went without the evening meal. Others partook of rice from nearby mills. The night is cold, but bonfires will avert suffering from this cause.

Every big community in the State is sending offers of aid to the sufferers.

FALL KILLS A FIREMAN.

Tumbles Five Stories With Clothes Slipping—Stream Hit Him, Maybe.

Fireman John Fecher of Engine Company 7 was leading his comrades from the fourth to the fifth floor of a building at 10 Duane street late last night when the flaming stairs gave way beneath them. The others were tumbled in a heap at the foot of the stairway, but Fecher, who was at the nozzle of the hose they were dragging, leaped forward and gained the floor above.

The place was a furnace. Unable to get out by the stairway, Fecher rushed to a rear window which opened on Manhattan alley, forced open the iron shutters and jumped out on the fire escape with his clothing afire.

As he burst through the window the firemen of Company 12 turned a high pressure stream at the opening. Fecher either was knocked from the fire escape or else he jumped. He fell five stories to the pavement.

Lieut. Underhill of Inspector Daly's staff and Patrolman Moses of the Elizabeth street station tore the blazing clothes from his body and carried him out to Lafayette street. There Father Gilroy of St. Andrew's Church in Duane street, kneeling in a ring of bareheaded firemen, administered the late rites of the Church.

Fecher recovered consciousness sufficiently to tell his name. He was rushed to St. Gregory's Hospital, where he died within an hour.

The fire started on the fourth floor of the building. The upper three floors were occupied by S. Weinkantz, a bookbinder. The upper two were destroyed, the flames eating through to the roof. The second floor was occupied by A. Rutz & Co., card manufacturers, and the first floor by the Seybold Machine Company.

Chief Croker took charge and Capt. Hodgins, recently reinstated by the courts, was in command of the police reserves. Chief Croker estimated the damage at \$75,000. The fire lasted only a few minutes after the high pressure streams hit it, but the water damage was considerable.

Several firemen were overcome by smoke and carried to the street by their comrades. All were quickly revived.

PRIZE TO MRS. MARKS.

\$1,500 for Best Play on Piped Piper Theme Awarded to Her.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.

LONDON, April 23.—It transpires that the donor of the \$1,500 for a new play to be produced at the Stratford-on-Avon commemoration, the play to retell the story of "The Piped Piper of Hamelin," has been awarded to Mrs. Leton Marks, who was formerly the manager of Othello Stuart.

Receiving for C. W. Morse.

Supreme Court Justice Brandeis yesterday appointed Frank Hendrick receiver in supplementary proceedings of the property of Charles W. Morse on the application of Montrose W. Houck, who got a judgment for \$29,325 in 1908 as balance due him on stock transactions in 1907 and 1908. An execution against Morse's property was returned unassisted on December 11, 1909.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE DUEL.

Four Shots Exchanged by Partisans With the Usual Humane Result.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, April 23.—In consequence of a quarrel during the debate at the last campaign meeting of Mme. Durand, who is a candidate for the Chamber of Deputies, a duel was fought this morning between M. Ayras, a barrister of the Court of Appeal, and M. Laroche, a sub-editor of the newspaper *Nouvelles*, of which Mme. Durand is editor.

Four shots were exchanged. Neither man was hit.

ANTI-HATPIN ORDINANCE.

Indianapolis' New Measure to Decrease Public Danger Is in Force.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 23.—Members of the police department were notified at last night's roll call that the hatpin ordinance passed recently by the City Council became effective to-day.

City Councilman George B. Rubens, sponsor for the ordinance, expects the police department to see that the ordinance is enforced. Mr. Rubens asked that patrolmen be instructed to watch for violations and not to discriminate in arresting. The ordinance provides that no hatpin or hat ornament shall be worn that protrudes more than one half inch from the band or crown of the hat unless the point of the pin or ornament is protected.

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE.

The President Invites Republicans of the Ohio Delegation to Meet Him To-night.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—The Republican members of the Ohio delegation were to-day invited to meet President Taft at the White House to-morrow night at 10 o'clock for a general discussion of the legislative session. Representatives Longworth and Goebel were at the White House to-day, and in the course of a brief interview the President suggested that he would be glad to have another conference with the Ohio members similar to the one held several weeks ago.

The President is deeply interested in the progress or lack of progress that is being made by Congress with the measures comprised in his legislative programme, and the conference to-morrow night may result in the Ohio delegation taking the initiative in an effort to hasten action on two or three of the bills.

STRAWBERRY SELLER FINED.

His Boxes Smaller Than They Should Be—Got "Ten That Was," He Says.

A fruit box taken by State inspectors of weights and measures from the fruit store of Nicholas E. Tarnas at 110 Barclay street yesterday was found to be only eighteen cubic inches of strawberry content, and